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THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
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PL SHIPPING & LOGISTICS LTD.	DOCKET NO. 07 CV 2019 (SUS)	
Plaintiff,	DOCKET NO. 07 CV 2818 (SHS)	
v.	VERIFIED COMPLAINT	
H.J.M INTERNATIONAL INC. and BANK	VERIFIED COMI LAINT	
OF AMERICA and AFFORDABLE		
LUXURY RYAN KENNY		
Defendants		

Plaintiff, PL SHIPPING AND LOGISTICS LTD. hereinafter referred to as PL SHIPPING, by its attorney, EUGENE J. McDONALD, ESQ., alleges upon information and belief, as follows:

1. All and singular the following premises are true and constitute an admiralty or maritime claim within the meaning of Rul4 9 (h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States and of this Honorable Court. Also, inasmuch as the within action is governed by federal common law, it involves a federal question, and this Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331.

- 2. PL SHIPPING is a foreign company organized and existing under the laws of India. Although PL SHIPPING does not have an office within the Southern District of New York, it does, on a regular basis, conduct business within the Southern District and for that matter the metropolitan New York area.
- 3. The Defendant, H.J.M. INTERNATIONAL, INC., hereinafter referred to as H.J.M., at and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, had and now have the legal status and office and place of business at 53-39 Rockaway Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11434, and was and now is engaged in business as common carriers of merchandise by water for hire, and owned, operated, managed, chartered and/or otherwise controlled the vessel above named as common carriers of merchandise by water for hire.
- 4. The Defendant, BANK OF AMERICA, hereinafter referred to as BANK, at and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, had and now have the legal status as and international banking concern with branches throughout the world including the Southern District, and which in this instance had and now have a branch located at 8755 Rosewell Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30350.
- The Defendant, H.J.M. INTERNATIONAL, INC., hereinafter referred to as H.J.M., at and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, had and now have the legal status and office and place of business at 53-39 Rockaway Boulevard, Jamaica, New York 11434, and was and now is engaged in business as common carriers of merchandise by water for hire, and owned, operated, managed, chartered and/or otherwise controlled the vessel as common carriers of merchandise by water for hire.

- 6. The Defendant, AFFORDABLE LUXURY RYAN KENNY, hereinafter referred to as AFFORDABLE, at and during all the times hereinafter mentioned, had and now have the legal status and office and place of business at 1407 Broadway, New York, New York 10018.
- 7. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants and venue is proper reason of Defendants' regular and systematic contacts with the State of New York.
- 8. On or about March 19th, 2006, shipped on board and on March 22nd, 2006 shipped on board by PL SHIPPING from the Port of Tuticorin, India, to be transported to the Port of New York, U.S.A., 100% cotton knitted mens S/S polo shirts, hereinafter referred to as POLO SHIRTS, then being in good order and condition, and in consideration of certain agreed freight charges thereupon paid or agreed to be paid, said shipments of polo shirts arrived at the port of destination, the Port of New York.
- 9. Defendant, AFFORDABLE, requested, purchased and received polo shirts from Plaintiff, PL SHIPPING. Defendant, AFFORDABLE, ordered the POLO SHIRTS from Plaintiff, PL SHIPPING, but has not paid for the POLO SHIRTS it received.
- 10. Defendant, H.J.M., delivered Plaintiff PL SHIPPING's POLO SHIRTS from the Port of Tuticorin to the Port of New York where it and Defendant AFFORDABLE received the POLO SHIRTS. Defendant, H.J.M. improperly, wrongfully and negligently discharged Plaintiff's POLO SHIRTS to Defendant AFFORDABLE in the Port of New York without proper documentation.

- 11. Defendant, BANK, improperly released documents to Defendant AFFORDABLE which allowed Defendant AFFORDABLE to present said documents to Defendant H.J.M. and thereby obtain Plaintiff's POLO SHIRTS without paying for them.
- 12. Prior to Defendant AFFORDABLE receiving Plaintiff PL SHIPPING's POLO SHIRTS, Defendant BANK agreed and was legally obligated to debit Defendant AFFORDABLE's account for the cost of the POLO SHIRTS, pay Plaintiff PL SHIPPING and then "endorse" the Bill of Lading and Invoice which would allow Defendant H.J.M. to release the POLO SHIRTS to Defendant AFFORDABLE upon Defendant AFFORDABLE's presentation of the endorsed Bill of Lading and Invoice to Defendant H.J.M.. That did not happen. Upon Defendant BANK's receipt of the documents, i.e., Bill of Lading and Invoice and ancillary papers, it, Defendant BANK, improperly, wrongfully and negligently released the Bill of Lading and ancillary papers without endorsement and delivered said papers to the Defendant, AFFORDABLE. Defendant H.J.M. improperly, wrongfully and negligently, without legal and properly endorsed Bill of Lading and Invoice, improperly, wrongfully and negligently released Plaintiff's POLO SHIRTS to Defendant AFFORDABLE without Defendant AFFORDABLE paying for the POLO SHIRTS.
- 13. Plaintiff PL SHIPPING was the shipper, consignee and/or owner of the POLO SHIRTS and brings this action on its own behalf and as agent or trustee on behalf of and for the interest of all parties who may be or become interested in the said POLO

SHIRTS, as their respective interests may ultimately appear, and Plaintiff PL SHIPPING

is entitled to maintain this action.

14. By reason of the premises, Plaintiff PL SHIPPING has sustained damages

as nearly as the same can now be estimated, no part of which has been paid although

duly demanded, in the sum of U.S. \$44,157.92 plus freight.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

1. That process in due form of law may issue against Defendants citing them

to appear and answer all and singular the matters aforesaid;

2. That if Defendants cannot be found within this District, then all of their

property within this District shall be attached in the sum of U.S. \$44,157.92 with interest

thereon and costs, the sum sued for in this Complaint;

3. That Judgment may be entered in favor of Plaintiff against Defendants,

jointly and severally, in the sum of U.S. \$44,157.92, together with interest, costs and

counsel fees as allowed by law.

Dated: April 6, 2007

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY) : ss.: COUNTY OF MONMOUTH)

EUGENE J. McDONALD, ESQ., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- I am admitted to practice before the Courts of the State(s) of New York,
 New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida and admitted to practice before this Honorable
 Court.
- 2. I have read the foregoing verified complaint and hnow the contents thereof, and that the same is true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.
- 3. That the source of my information and the grounds for my belief as to all matters are documents and correspondence relating to the matter in suit in my possession forwarded to me by Plaintiff.
- 4. That the reason this verification is made by me and not by Plaintiff, PL Shipping & Logistics Ltd., is that said plaintiff is a corporation and/or other business entity, none of whose officers or directors are presently with in this District.

	Eugene J. McDonald, Esq.
Sworn to before me this 6 th day of April, 2007	
Linda M. McDonald, Notary Public	<u> </u>